

City of West Lafayette, Indiana
Board of Public Works and Safety
MINUTES

JUNE 30, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Morton Community Center
Multi-Purpose Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Brooke E. Folkers, Tanuja R. Sheth, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 23, 2015, Meeting

Ms. Booker moved to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2015, Board of Works meeting.
Mr. Speaker seconded the motion

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Quote Opening: Happy Hollow Park Ravine Footpath Repair Phase III – Parks

Parks Superintendent Fawley explained that this quote opening is for a portion of the footpath in the Happy Hollow Park ravine. There is already a portion of the footpath built along with a bridge. This portion is between the bridge and the section that is done, and then there is one more section that we hope to finish next year. She stated that the idea is to keep people off of the hillside because that is where it is washing out.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that we received two responses to the request for quotes. She opened the quotes and read them aloud. The first is from Simon Construction with a total lump sum of \$33,850.00. The second is from T.L. Kincaid Contracting, Inc. with a total lump sum of \$46,200.00.

Mr. Speaker moved that the Happy Hollow Park Ravine Footpath Repair Phase III quotes be taken under advisement. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Contract: INDOT/LPA Project Coordination – Intersection Improvement – Cherry Lane and McCormick – Engineering

Public Works Director Buck stated that this is a standard agreement between the City and INDOT for federal funding for improvements, which are programmed as two projects. The first is for the intersection of Cherry Lane and McCormick Road, and then improvements to extend Cherry Lane to US 231. He explained that the projects are programmed locally on our Transportation Improvement Prioritization, or TIP, for 2018 - 2019. INDOT requests that we enter into this contract in advance to lock in the programming. He stated that on the intersection improvement project there are Group II Safety funds assigned at 90% of federal-aid funds with a maximum amount of \$431,152.00.

Ms. Sheth moved that the INDOT/LPA Project Coordination contract for intersection improvement at Cherry Lane and McCormick be approved. Ms. Folkers seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Contract: INDOT/LPA Project Coordination – New Road Construction – Cherry Lane – Engineering

Director Buck stated that this is the Cherry Lane extension portion of the project. It has a different project number from the intersection improvement, but they dovetail together. He stated that this one uses surface transportation funds instead of safety funds. This project is assigned 80% of Group II federal-aid funds with a maximum amount of \$2,699,731.00. It is also assigned 80% of Group II Transportation Alternatives federal-aid funds with a maximum amount of \$209,438.00

Ms. Booker moved that the INDOT/LPA Project Coordination contract for new road construction at Cherry Lane be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Contract: Chauncey Village Walkway Cleaning – Omni Service – Development

Mayor Dennis stated that this item is to be withdrawn. It is to go through the Redevelopment Commission instead.

e. Salary Increase: Step Increase Program – Tom Foster – Sanitation

Street Commissioner Payne requested approval of a salary increase for Tom Foster as provided by the Step Increase Program. The effective date will be July 5, 2015, with a new bi-weekly salary of \$1,423.95.

Ms. Booker moved that the salary increase for Tom Foster be approved. Ms. Folkers seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

f. Vehicle Transfer: 2010 Dodge Charger to the Street Department – Police

Deputy Police Chief Leroux requested approval to transfer a 2010 Dodge Charger, which has been rotated out of the Police fleet, to the Street Department. The VIN is #2B3CA4CV6AH159130, and the vehicle has a mileage of 88,958.

Mr. Speaker moved that the vehicle transfer be approved. Ms. Sheth seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

g. Claims

i. AP Docket	\$525,277.84
ii. AP Docket	\$263,439.87
iii. AP/PR Docket	\$1,991,894.58
iv. PR Docket	\$525,277.84
v. PR Docket	\$114,970.56

Ms. Folkers moved that the claims be approved. Ms. Sheth seconded the motion.

There were no questions or comments about the claims.

The motion was adopted.

h. Informational Items

i. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

ii. Park Board Dockets

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

i. Other Items

► Superintendent Fawley reported that the Riverfest event is July 11, and she is hoping the rain stops so that the river goes down. She also reported that we received a \$9,000 grant from Subaru Foundation to install three eco-posts at the Celery Bog. Two posts will be operated by solar power and one will be operated by a hand crank. The posts will have a button to push to get a short story, and Chad Evans [formerly of WLFI TV18] is expected to provide the voice, even though he moved earlier than planned.

► Councilor Hunt reported that Pre-Council is Thursday, July 2, and Council is Monday, July 6.

► Director Buck reported on construction projects. He stated that we would like some dry weather for the construction sites to dry. He reported that there is still progress at the Happy Hollow intersection, but the river level has caused a couple of days to be lost due to flooding. The intersection is still expected to open mid-July. He reported that some paving has been done on Cumberland Avenue and some work has been done on the intersection. It also has a target date of mid-July to be open. He reported that the short section that has been closed on Northwestern Avenue is targeted to be open before the weekend.

Mayor Dennis stated that there has been a lot of conversation about the semi-truck traffic that has been reallocated to some of our local streets. He asked what the best response is to those questions, noting that a lot of the drivers are lost.

Director Buck stated that it is now the occasional driver that does not usually come on this route to know the local detours. He stated that there are several things going on besides just the Happy Hollow intersection. He stated that there has been river flooding north of Happy Hollow. Tippecanoe County has started a bridge-rehab project on the bridges over River Road, so there will be lane closures and it will affect the ramps. It will make it more difficult for semi-trucks to stay out of residential areas, but there are signs on US 231 and we are looking to put signs by the interstate. He stated that the daily backups on I65 are also contributing to this.

Mayor Dennis noted that Lafayette is having the same issues.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.